(a) whether it is a fact that the Pakistan had handed over to India a very detailed plan for the resolution of the Siachen issue;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had agreed to work on the plan given by the Pakistan;

(d) whether Government had reacted to plan given by the Pakistan on Siachen issue; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) The Siachen issue is being discussed by India and Pakistan within the framework of the Composite Dialogue. At the 11th round of the Defence Secretary talks in April, 2007, the two sides reaffirmed their commitment to the November, 2003 ceasefire between the two countries which is holding successfully and agreed to continue the discussions to resolve the Siachen dispute in a peaceful manner.

Withdrawal of troops from Siachen Glacier

†2604. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has promised not to occupy Siachen glacier after India's withdrawal of troops from this glacier of strategic importance;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are considering withdrawal from Siachen based on the said promise; and

(c) if so, the steps Government would take for the national security in the event of Pakistan backing out from its commitment?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Siachen issue is being discussed by India and Pakistan within the framework of the Composite Dialogue. At the 11th round of the Defence Secretary talks in April, 2007, the two sides reaffirmed

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Infiltration of Chinese in India

†2605. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that People's Liberation Army of China have infiltrated into Indian territory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the policy of China on Arunachal Pradesh;

(d) whether China recognizes it as an Indian territory; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) China is in illegal occupation of approximately 38, 000 square kilometres in the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir. In addition, under the so-called Sino-Pakistan Boundary Agreement of 1963, Pakistan illegally ceded 5,180 square kilometres of Indian territory in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir to China. China illegally claims approximately 90,000 square kilometres of Indian territory in the Eastern sector (Arunachal Pradesh).

Allegation for initiating war in 1962

†2606. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an allegation has been made against India for initiating the war in 1962;

(b) if so, the efforts made to refute the said allegation;

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